Recovery under Drug Prices Equalisation Account

633. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drug companies from which recoveries have been effected under DPEA along with the amount so far recovered from each; and

(b) what are the names of the drugs/finished medicines for which the drug companies had overcharged the consumer and in how many cases his Ministry has worked out the amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) The details of the tantative amount assessed and recoverable from some of the companies for the period ending 31-12-1983 and the amount recovered in each case so far and the names of the drugs involved etc. are given in reply to parts (c) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 for 1-8-1988.

Increase in the prices of Beflavin Tablets Bendon Tablets and Arovit Tablets

634. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 663 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs which go into the manufacture of Beflavin tablets, Bendon tablets, Arovit tablets, Drop and Injections which are under Price decontrol;

(b) whether any of the drugs is under price control under DPCO, 1987;

(c) if so, what are the names of these drugs;

(d) what were the recommendations of Kelkar Committee in regard to each such drug;

(e) what is the percentage increase in price of each drug and finished medicines after the intervention of the Ministry; and

(f) what are the basis on which the companies increased the prices and what are the basis on which his Ministry made reduction?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) These are single ingredient Vitamin formulations:

S.No.	Name of the formulation	Bulk Drug
1.	Beflavin tabs	Riboflavin
2.	Bendon tabs	Pyridoxin Hcl.
3.	Arovit tabs	Vitamin A
4.	Arovit Ampoules	Vitamin A
5.	Arovit Drops	Vitamin A

(b) to (d) Under the provisions of DPCO, 1987 all single ingredient vitamin formulations are price decontrolled.

(e) and (f) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, all manufacturers of decontrolled bulk drugs/medicines are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened wherever found necessary. The manufacturer of the referred formulations has reduced the prices after Government's intervention. The detail are given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure 32.]

Foreign collaborations involved in foreign equity

635. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign collarborations have been approved in the last year;

(b) what are the details of collaborations that involved foreign equity and also which involved only know-how or import of machinery:

(c) how many foreign collaborations were in industrial projects that envisaged the manufacture of more than one kind of product; and

(d) which of these projects and products involved common foreign technology and process know-how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government has approved 853 proposals for foreign collaboration during the year 1987. Out of these, 242 proposals involved financial participation by foreign companies in the year 1987.

(c) and (d) The details are not maintained centrally in the SIA. However, the details of approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, item of manufacture and nature of foreign collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly news letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to Parliament Library.

Essential foreign technology for consumer goods

636. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the areas where foreign technology for the manufacture of consumer products is considered essential; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government policy regarding import of technology has been to bridge the technology gaps in the industrial sector. Import of technical know-how is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in the export market.

However, there is a list of industries where no foreign collaboration, financial or technical, is considered normally necessary and requests for collaboration in this list are not normally considered.

Industrial development in the 'No Industry Districts'

637. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite incentives and concessions, the big industrial houses are not inclined to set up industries in 'No Industry Districts';

(b) what is the Statewise break-up of 'No Industry Districts' and in how many of these districts industrial development has taken place; and

(c) whether Government are considering to review the 'No Industry District' Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 93 districts in the country have been identified as 'No Industry Districts' Break-up of 'No Industry Districts' in various States/Union Territories is given in the Booklet on incentives for industries in backward areas, corrected upto 20th October, 1986, copies of which are available in Parliament Library. These have been included in Category 'A' of reclassified backward areas and made eligible for highest rate of Central Investment Subsidy, priority in grant of licences and other concessions. In view of these incentives and concessions many entrepreneurs including MRTP Companies have come forward to set up industries in these dis-